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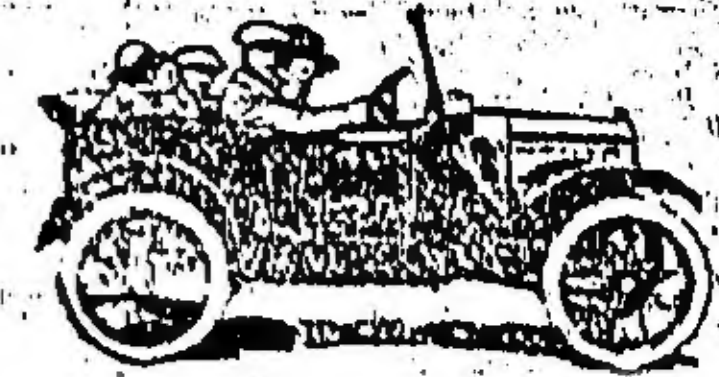
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BRITAIN'S PROBLEMS. RELATIONS WITH RUSSIA. GENEVA PROTOCOL.

How Egypt Must Do Her Duty.

Britain's foreign problems were debated in the House of Commons yesterday, relations with Russia and Egypt receiving special attention.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, December 15. When the debate on the Address-in-Reply to the King's Speech was resumed in the House of Commons, Mr. C. P. Trevelyan (Labour), who attacked the Government's policy towards Egypt and Russia, asked whether



AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN

Egypt was now really independent and what the Government proposed to do as regards Russia with which other countries were now making commercial agreements.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain, Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said his conversations with M. Herriot, Premier of France, and Mr. Mussolini, Premier of Italy, were conducted in the true spirit of the League of Nations, establishing mutual relations of trust and confidence.

Mr. Chamberlain emphasised that the conversations had come as close to agreement as possible, but never at the expense of those not there. He had heard much of the foreign viewpoint upon the Geneva protocol, but he himself was unable to express any opinion on the protocol on behalf of the Government because the first Cabinet meeting regarding the protocol had only been held on the day of his departure.

Mr. Chamberlain said that inter-Ally debts were not discussed. He did not pretend that the conversations had decided any great issues. They had not sought to make any new treaties or to come to any fresh decision. But they had eliminated some small matters which would have been points of friction if they had not reached agreement to recognise the largeness of their common interests throughout the world and resolve each to do the best to prevent the small differences which must arise occasionally from impeding their co-operation in their greater common interests.

Referring to Mr. Trevelyan's speech, Mr. Chamberlain said he had come to the House of Commons to hear a really anti-British declaration. He had received from foreign statesmen many congratulations upon the British attitude in the Egyptian crisis.

Mr. Chamberlain said in the

Sudan Britain must have authority to fulfil her obligations, but in Egypt all Britain desired was that the Egyptian Government should do its duty. If they were willing to do that, then they would find no better, firmer or more loyal friends than the British Government and people. (Ministerial cheers.) The Government did not desire to interfere with the independence of Egypt, but it required the Egyptian Government to work with not against us, and to accept loyally and frankly as a basis of independence the conditions attached to its grant.

Mr. Chamberlain continued that if we had to deal with a friendly Egyptian Government loyal to the conditions on which our co-operation is based, we would invite them to join an enquiry into what water would be available in the Sudan after making full allowance for Egypt and would propose a neutral chairman for the commission, which Egypt and the Sudan would be represented.

Mr. Chamberlain said he did not think the Egyptian question in its present stage could come before the League. He pointed out the ill-effects that would ensue in the Sudan from the suggested application of the League mandate of administration.

Mr. Chamberlain mentioned the authenticity of the Zinovieff letter had been confirmed by four entirely independent trustworthy sources. He did not think it was opportune to resume negotiations with the Soviet at present.

Mr. Chamberlain, fresh from the meeting of the League Council, voiced strong confidence in the future of the League.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Leader of the Opposition, pressed the Government to afford members of Parliament a discussion of the protocol before consulting the Dominions. He urged the Chancellor to impress on our allies at the forthcoming finance conference that it was necessary we should ease the taxpayers' burden resulting from their non-payment of debts.

Mr. Ponsonby, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs in the Labour Government, moved a Labour amendment regretting the Government policy as regards Egypt and Russia.

Mr. Ponsonby's amendment was rejected by 363 votes to 132.

IN MEMORIAM.

SERVICES FOR WOODROW WILSON.

A MODERN CROMWELL.

(Reuter's Service.)

WASHINGTON, December 15. Joint congressional memorial services for the late Dr. Woodrow Wilson were held in the Chamber of the House of Representatives, at which Dr. Edwin Alderman, President of the University of Virginia, eloquently defended Dr. Wilson's statesmanship. He said his ambition to serve the country was as keen as Cromwell's. Mrs. Wilson, attired in black, was present.

PROBLEM BRITAIN MUST SOLVE.



FIE!

"Tam" Sets A Bad Example.

BITES A COOLIE.

COLONIAL VETERINARY.

Surgeon Disgraced.

Of an ordinary dog with an ordinary owner and an ordinary pedigree (if one at all) who showed a likeness for human calves it might be written "naughty doggie" and the case left at that. But for the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon's dog so far to forget himself yesterday evening as to bury his teeth in the calf of a man, even though but that of a coolie—well, we have every reason for being scandalised at his conduct. Is he not an Aberdeen terrier and is not his pedigree unimpeachable? Really, "Tam," we expected better things of one who ought to be a pattern of good manners to all the doggies in the neighbourhood.

But cold black and white print cannot be gainsaid when it is in the pages of such a book as that in which is noted at the police station the happenings of the day.

"One coolie bitten yesterday



Typical South China Pirate. This photograph was taken just before execution. Note the chains.

evening by a dog belonging to Mr. W. J. E. Mackenzie.

There is the case against you in a nutshell, "Tam," and it is now for any eyewitness to substantiate the claim that has been made on your behalf that the coolie was encroaching on the sacred precincts of the basement of No. 2, Mountain View.

Whether it interests you or not we think you ought to know that the coolie is under treatment at the G.C.H. and that he is not in any way seriously hurt although he is being kept there in case any symptoms may develop later.

But that will be scant comfort to you, poor doggie, shut up in solitary confinement as you are and in all probability with a sense of injustice burning fiercely within you. If you could reason we wonder what your thoughts would be. Something like this?—"What's a house dog for anyway?"

GERMAN CABINET.

PRESIDENT ACCEPTS MARX'S RESIGNATION.

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, December 15. President Ebert has accepted Premier Marx's resignation of the cabinet. The President requested Marx to continue in office pending the formation of a new cabinet.

PIRATES RAIDED.

NOTORIOUS CHIEF CAPTURED.

LAST PENALTY PAID.

Hongkong Steamer Attacks Recalled.

Slowly but surely the law is taking toll of the pirates who recently preyed upon Hongkong steamers.

Found guilty of having taken part in the piracy of the s.s. "Hydrangea," "Sun Ning" and the "Wah Sun," a number of outlaws in that part of Chinese territory under the rule of General Chan Kwing-ming, have paid the extreme penalty.

In a letter to the Hongkong Police authorities, Commander Wong Fook-chi writes to say that he successfully raided a pirate stronghold. Among the captives was a notorious pirate chief who was proved to have taken an important part in the attacks on the three local ships mentioned.

Keen At His Job.

This is not the first occasion in which Commander Wong has

actively interested himself in the campaign against marauders. Hitherto he has stamped out several bandit dens, and he was also instrumental in sending back to Hongkong, a number of revolvers, etc. stolen from pirated ships. The raid across the border which resulted in the liberation of the Pui Ching (Canton) student who was kidnapped from the Castle Peak Road, was largely due to the co-operation of Commander Wong.

Commander Wong was principal detective in Canton when Chan Kwing-ming was at the head of affairs. After being dismissed, he came down to Hongkong and was fortunate enough to escape on the two occasions on which he was fired at near the Yau-mat Theatre.

MOROCCO.

SPAIN CAUSES ANXIETY TO FRANCE.

PROBLEM OF FUTURE.

(Reuter's Service.)

PARIS, December 16. It is officially stated that the report that France has sent Spain a Note in regard to Morocco is incorrect. But the French Charge d'Affaires at Madrid has been instructed to ascertain the Directory's views with regard to the new situation created by the Spanish evacuation, and inquire Spain's intentions for the future.

It is confirmed that the London and Paris cabinets are keeping in close touch with regard to events in Morocco.

WAR MATERIAL.

EXPORTS TO RUSSIA TO STOP.

STATEMENT IN COMMONS.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, December 15. Mr. Cunliffe-Lister, in the House of Commons, said licences had been issued in the past year for the export of war material including 600 Vickers machine-guns—to the Soviet Government. The bulk had been shipped in the Spring and Summer. Government henceforward did not intend to issue licences for export of war material to this destination.

COMING TO HONGKONG.



London, Dec. 15. On the occasion of the admission of Prince George to the freedom of the Mercers' Company of London to-day, the Master of the Company announced that the Prince would be sailing at the end of January to China and the East. [Prince George is the youngest son of King George and Queen Mary. He came of age last year. The King, in honour of the event invested him with the insignia of a Knight Companion of the Order of the Garter.]

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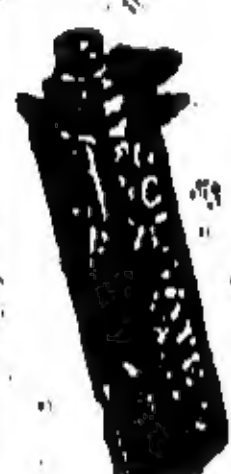
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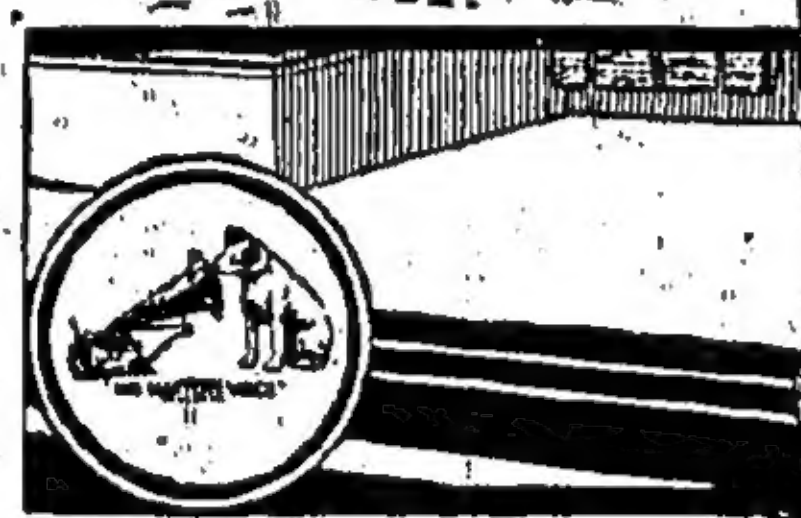
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MARTIN—On December 11, at
Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs.
A. J. Martin, of H.B.M.
Consulate-General, a son,
John Pearce.

JOHNSTONE—On December 9,
at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs.
K. W. Johnstone, of the Salt
Gabelle, a son, James Bruce.

DEATH.

CATTANEO—At San Nicandro
Garganico, South Italy, on
the 10th November, 1924,
Antonio Cattaneo.

Hongkong, Tuesday, Dec. 16, 1924.

DEATH TO PIRATES.

Another batch of the pirates
who recently preyed upon Hong-
kong steamers have now paid the
penalty of their misdeeds,
according to advices received by
the Hongkong police from the
enterprising Commander Wong
Fook-chi. Much as anyone may
deplore capital punishment, it
must be agreed, we think, that
nothing less would meet the
crime. Times without number
our South China pirates have
shown themselves to be utterly
brutal and more than once they
have been guilty of murder.
Thus if only for the feeling that
the pirates have received what

they richly deserved, will Hong-
kong read Commander Wong
Fook-chi's news with deep satis-
faction. But there is another
reason why the Colony should
feel gratified at his enterprise.
Precautions aboard steamers,
such as grilles, etc., may do much
to prevent piracy; so too may
convoys and armed patrols. But
the real remedy lies in swift re-
tributive justice. When pirates
find that although they may be
able to seize a steamer, although
they may be able to get away with
the booty, although they may
even reach their lairs—when
pirates find that although they
can gamble upon their luck to
bring off a coup safely, the law's
vengeance will not be long in
finding them out and bringing
them to a firing squad, then will
piracy no longer be worth the
candle. General Wong Fook-
chi's raid does not represent all
we should look to see in this re-
spect, being rather too belated, but
it does represent another step in
the right direction. Moreover, it
has added value from the fact
that it will once more bring home
to outlaws that they cannot
always count themselves safe
simply because they are beyond
the reach of the Hongkong
authorities. This goes to the
very root of the whole piracy evil.
Foremost among the findings of
the Hongkong commission that
inquired into the "Sui An"
piracy, was the ruling that piracy
could never be dealt with prop-
erly until the Chinese authorities
gave their full co-operation.
While Canton lacks a stable gov-
ernment that full co-operation
can never be expected, but mean-
while it is encouraging to find
that at least one official with
pirates in his district, may be
relied upon to do his duty. Our
thanks to Commander Wong
Fook-chi!

Peking's Loss.

The message from Peking about
the flight of Tuan Chi-jui was con-
firmed last night in reliable
Chinese quarters here, though no
reason was given for what the
real friends of China can consider
little short of a catastrophe. Tuan
assumed office as Premier and

acting President under the title of
Chief Executive as recently as
November 24. Since his assump-
tion of office high hopes were
entertained in the capitals of the
Powers with a stake in China, that
the flowery republic was at last
in reasonable distance of a long
period of peace and prosperity.
Should the news of Tuan Chi-jui
having been driven out prove true,
it will be a matter for real regret.
Not only will the country have
lost an able administrator, but an
attractive figure will have been
again forced from the Chinese
political stage. The late Dr. Paul
Reinsch, who was American
Ambassador to China during the
European war, gave the following
interesting sketch of Tuan Chi-
jui: "His (Tuan's) personality,
however, with its simplicity and
pensive, and his real wisdom
when he lets his own nature guide
him, make him one of the attrac-
tive figures of China. Though in
himself the principal influence in
the Government Tuan left all
details to his assistants, Mr. Tiao
Ju-lin, and General Hsu Shu-tseng
("Little" Hsu). He preferred to
play chess. He was, however,
always ready to shoulder respon-
sibility for what his subordinates
had done. Often when he was
deep in a game of Chinese chess,
his mind focussed on the com-
plexities of this difficult pastime,
General Hsu would approach him
with some proposal. Giving only
half an ear to it, the Premier
would respond, "All right" (*Hou
hou*). When, later, the result of
the action thus taken turned out
to be bad and the Premier asked
for an explanation, he was re-
minded that he himself had
authorized it. He would then
faintly recollect, and would make
a gesture toward his shoulder,
which indicated that—very well
he took the responsibility. "China
can ill afford to lose such a leader,"
more especially at the present
time when Bolshevism is knocking
at the portal. However, as
Reuter has sent no word of
Tuan's flight, though other mes-
sages have come over the wires—
it may well be that the rumour is
a canard.

Japan's Shipping.

Some interesting sidelights on
the situation of the Japanese ship-
ping business are afforded in a
report sent home by the Dutch
Minister in Tokyo and reproduced
in the Amsterdam "Telegraaf".
The fact that Japanese shipping is
beginning to recover in some
degree from the slackness of last
year, the writer says, can be
deduced from the decrease in the
number of laid-up ships, the in-
creased activity in shipbuilding,
and the larger purchases of ton-
nage from abroad. A very encour-
aging event was the suspension of
Section 28 of the U.S. Jones Act.
The trade with the States, how-
ever, is yielding little or no profit
as compared with that with the
Asiatic Continent and the Indian
Archipelago. The low rate of
exchange for the Japanese yen
acted as a stimulant to the export
of coal, while further large pur-
chases of rice in Siam and Indo-
China for Japanese account were
favourable for the shipping trade.
On January 1, 1924, laid-up
Japanese ships represented a total
of 29,000 tons, as against a total
of 99,000 tons at the beginning of
1923. In the second half of 1923,
34,000 tons of new shipping were
launched, or 21,000 tons more than
in the corresponding period of
1922. At the present time there
are 22 ships of more than 1,000
tons each under construction at
Japanese yards for Japanese
account, and these represent a
total of 92,800 tons. While in
1921 and 1922 altogether 46 old
ships were purchased abroad, in
1923 alone such purchases num-
bered 70, and in the first two
months of this year 16 were
bought. For five British ships
bought in January, most of them
exceeding 5,000 tons each, \$5 per
ton was paid. Including the
import duties and the cost of the
compulsory survey, this price is
not very much lower than the
price in Japan, which averages
120 yen. Later, for a British
steamer of 8,000 tons and four
years old, the sum of \$62,000 was
paid. This higher price was
attributed to the higher cost of
building new ships as a result of
the increase in wages and a certain
improvement in the situation in
Europe. It is thus, says the writer
of the report, an indication which
points to an improvement, but the
difficulties against which Japanese
shipping still has to struggle are
far from being all removed.

SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Ti.
Langkats 21 1/4 Buyers.
Ewos 11 3/4 Buyers.
Shanghai Dock 106 Buyers.
New Engineering 7 7/8 Buyers.
Orientals 4 Buyers.
Shanghai Cottons 58 Buyers.
The above, kindly supplied by
Messrs. T. Gould & Co., were the
opening quotations on the Shanghai
market this morning.

SERIOUS CHARGES.

WEL-HAI-WEI POLICE IN
TROUBLE.
ALLEGATIONS OF BLACK-
MAIL.

Serious misdemeanours, includ-
ing the threatening of persons
with revolvers are alleged against
eight members of the Shantung
(Wei-hai-wei) contingent of the
Hongkong Police, stationed in the
New Territories.

First reports were to the effect
that an armed robbery had been
committed by men in uniform but
on investigation this was found to
be exaggerated. It appears that
the trouble was between a ser-
geant and seven constables, all
Wei-hai-wei men, and some of the
villagers at Ta Ku Leng, near
Sheungshui, where a communal
anniversary was being celebrated
with a theatrical show in a
matshed.

"Clandestine Gambling."
In China, the usual appendages
to a festive theatrical show include
a number of gaming tables and it
is believed that this was the case,
under clandestine circumstances,
at this New Territories village.

It has been stated that this
batch of police, stationed at
Sheungshui, raided the theatre
matshed without a warrant.
Other allegations are that the
Shantung policemen were not
accompanied by a European officer
and that they threatened the
people of Ta Ku Leng. From the
gaming tables they are alleged to
have appropriated some money.
At any rate, the culprits are said
to have been in uniform.

On a report being made to the
proper authorities, the eight men
were taken into custody and
yesterday afternoon, were escorted
to Hongkong.

WHO'S WHO.

LATEST SHIPPING
CHANGES.

Captain J. Beck, of the
"Hunan," is on reserve.
Captain W. J. Andrews, from
leave, has gone master, "Hunan."
Mr. J. N. Beach, second officer,
"Chusan," has gone sup'y second
officer, "Szechuen."
Mr. S. Lettington has been ap-
pointed second officer, "Chusan."
Mr. J. G. Smart, chief officer,
"Sinkiang," has gone chief
officer, "Kaying."
Mr. S. Johnson, chief officer,
"Kaying," has gone chief officer,
"Sinkiang."
Captain A. Tucker, of the
"Kiangsu," has gone master,
"Kiangyuan."
Mr. K. Middleton, third officer,
"Taikoo Wan," has gone second
officer, "Kinyuan."
Mr. D. Dalgleish, chief en-
gineer, "Sinkiang," is on reserve.
Mr. A. Clyne, third engineer,
"Wuhu," has gone third engineer,
"Hunan."

Captain T. S. King, from re-
serve, has gone master, "Esang."
Captain R. Hughes, of the
"Esang," is on reserve.
Mr. W. Atkinson, from reserve,
has gone chief officer, "Loksang."
Mr. C. Fletcher, acting chief
officer, "Loksang," has gone
second officer, same ship.
Mr. E. L. Alton, second officer,
"Loksang," has gone second
officer, "Wosang."

Captain W. J. Booker, of the
"Taksang," has gone master,
"Yatshing."
Captain N. W. Chandler, of the
"Yatshing," has gone master,
"Kumsang."
Mr. W. C. Excell, fourth officer,
"Kumsang," has gone third
officer, "Yatshing."

Mr. S. Schofield, third officer,
"Yatshing," has gone second
officer, same ship.
Mr. C. M. Boas, second officer,
"Yatshing," is on leave.

Mr. J. Stalker, from leave, has
gone chief engineer, "Wosang."
Mr. A. Thomson, chief officer,
"Wosang," is on reserve.

Mr. F. Kerslake, third en-
gineer, "Taksang," is on leave.
Mr. H. E. Squires, from re-
serve, has gone third engineer,
"Taksang."

Mr. E. Wright, from reserve,
has gone second officer, "Apoei."
Mr. R. Kettlewell, second
officer, "Apoei," has gone chief
officer, same ship.

Mr. D. Needham, chief officer,
"Apoei," is on reserve.
Mr. P. Munday, from reserve,
has gone chief officer,
"Arabestan."

Mr. K. L. Fitzgerald, chief
officer, "Arabestan," has gone
chief officer, "Gorgistan."

Mr. W. H. Finch, acting chief
officer, "Gorgistan," has gone
second officer, "Arabestan."

Mr. H. C. Everatt, second
officer, "Arabestan," has gone
acting chief officer, "Haitan."

Mr. R. H. Friedlander, second
officer, "Gorgistan," is on
reserve.

Captain F. V. Benz, from re-
serve, has gone master, "Haitan."

Captain J. M. Anderson, of the
"Haitan," is on reserve.

Mr. E. W. Lowson, chief officer,
"Haitan," is on reserve.

AIR MONSTER.

U.S. CONGRESS TOLD OF
NEW PLANS.

(Reuter's American Service.)

WASHINGTON, December 15.
This navy air experts have
advised Congress of the plans for
a 6,000,000 cubic foot airship,
compared with the newly-ordered
British 5,000,000 ships.

The new ship will carry 22 tons,
785 feet long and 120 feet in
diameter, and will be of 3,800
horse-power, 154 tons gross lifting
capacity and will have a cruising
radius of 7,150 nautical miles,
which is the highest. It is
estimated to cost \$6,000,000.

ANGLO-IRISH TREATY.

LEAGUE SECRETARY
ISSUES LETTER.

(Reuter's Service)

GENEVA, December 15.

The League of Nations Sec-
retariat have issued the text of a
letter from the British Foreign Office,
dated November 27, in connection
with the registration of the Anglo-
Irish Treaty of December, 1921, at
the Free State Government's re-
quest.

The letter reiterated that the
Government has consistently held
that neither the Covenant nor any
Conventions concluded under the
League's auspices are intended to
govern inter-Empire relations, and,
therefore, they consider that Article
XVIII of the Covenant does not
apply to the document under notice.

MILITARY TRANSPORT.

CHINESE USE MOTOR
BUSES.

Motor military transport is now
being employed at Samchun, just
across the New Territories border,
says a report in the vernacular
papers.

It is stated that four cars have
been fitted out for the run between
Samchun and Sheling, the latter
being the largest midway town on
the Kowloon-Canton Railway.

Metal wheels have been put on
and an upper structure added to
make the cars resemble buses.
The cars, believed to have been
purchased in Hongkong, are used
for carrying troops. It is ex-
pected that the number will
shortly be increased.

"THE THIEF OF BAGDAD."

RETURN SEASON OF
TWO NIGHTS.

For the brief period of two
nights only—Thursday and Fri-
day next—the Coronet is to show
Douglas Fairbanks' "The Thief
of Bagdad." Circumstances do
not permit of a longer run, and
as many who saw it on its first
showing, will want to see it
again, it behoves those who have
not given themselves the plea-
sure of seeing the picture of
the age to take steps to book
their seats at once. In this picture
Douglas Fairbanks is shown in an
altogether different vein from that
usually associated with his name,
whilst the story is full of fantasy,
humour, pathos and joy. In addi-
tion the settings are amongst the
most magnificent ever projected,
whilst the music is appropriate to
the occasion.

OBITUARY.

MR. E. T. ARNOLD.

The death occurred yesterday
at the Matilda Hospital of Mr. E.
Thornley Arnold, who had been
suffering from dropsy.

Mr. Arnold who has been in
hospital for a lengthy period had
been the Chief Engineer of a river
steamer for the past two years.
Prior to this he was for more than
30 years engaged in Siam and the
Straits Settlements in various
branches of his profession, and it
was in Bangkok and Penang that
he was a well known and popular
member of the European
community.

Mr. Arnold was a native of
Glasgow from which town the
widow also hails. There are two
daughters and a son, the latter
being in business in Sumatra,
while the former and Mrs. Arnold,
are in Hongkong. To these much
sympathy will be extended in
their bereavement.

Mr. C. S. Robb, from reserve,
has gone chief officer, "Paul
Beau."

Mr. H. Cornvall, chief officer,
"Paul Beau," has gone acting
master, same ship. "Shipping
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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Under a new act wives in the
Philippines are now on the same
footings as their husbands in
alienation of affection cases.

The first section of a
national scheme of irrigation of
the rice plains in Siam was
opened on November 30 by the
King. It is to cost £1,300,000
and will render fertile a quarter
of a million acres.

At the inquest at Cambridge
on Mr. Lionel de Soysa, who was
drowned in the river on November
17, witnesses gave evidence
that he had hauled two men on
the river bank, saying he was
going to swim across in order to
tell his people that he had done
it. There were sixteen degrees
of frost at the time, and both
urged him not to do so, but
walked on. The coroner censured
both for leaving him in the
water. A verdict of accidental
death was returned.

The "Straits Echo" says:—
The Chamber of Commerce has
more than once referred to the
dredging of the South Channel
and that the matter has at last
been taken in hand is indicated
by the fact that Commander C. A.
Penl, Harbour Master, Penang,
left for Klang by the "Seagull" to
escort the dredge "Kuantan" to
Penang. The "Kuantan" is the
property of the F.M.S. Govern-
ment and it is understood that
the dredge has been lent to the
Straits Government.

At a meeting of the Rubber
Restriction Board in Ceylon on
November 27, the question of
bringing fluid rubber latex under
the Rubber Restriction Ordinance
was discussed. Exports of
rubber latex from Ceylon for the
twelve months from November 1,
1923, to October 31, 1924, were
132 galleons only. During
November, 1924, up to the 25th
the exports were 9,115 galleons.
Hence it was considered neces-
sary to recommend to Govern-
ment the inclusion of fluid rubber
latex in the Ordinance, which
under the definition of "Rubber,"
contains a clause providing for
such inclusion when His Excel-
lency in Executive Council deems
necessary. It is proposed that
the alteration shall come into
effect from January 1, 1925.

A severe storm broke over
Tientsin and Peking two weeks
ago, blowing down houndings and
fragile property and spreading a
carpet of dust over all. The four
main lines of telephones between
Tientsin and the capital suffered
damage which took a day or two
to repair.

A map of Sarawak, com-
piled by Dr. Charles Hose, from
his own compass traverses com-
bined with all other available
cartographic material, has been
compiled and printed at his own
expense. It is stated to be the
best general map of Sarawak
that has hitherto appeared.

What was described as the
oldest scarp in the world was
exhibited in Peking recently by
the Geological Survey of China.
It is said to be at least fifteen
million years old, and was found
in an excellent state of preserva-
tion in the hinterland of the
Shantung coast by Mr. H. C.
Tan, geologist of the Survey.
The scarp, which has been
named Proterozoic Yensi
(in honour of Dr. W. W. Yen,
formerly Minister of Agriculture
and Commerce) formed one fossil
in a collection from Shantung
which, in the words of a member
of the Survey, definitely put the
Cretaceous age on the geological
map of China. Mr. Tan was
given the task of mapping the
geological formation of Eastern
Shantung. In the course of his
work he examined the rocks in
the region for evidence of the
land and fresh water life which
existed aeons of years ago. He
used his geological hammer in
vain for many months, and then
suddenly exposed a complete
specimen of a fish. The experts
of the Survey say that it over-
shadows a similar find whose age
has not yet been determined, but
which was given the name
Lycoperia sinensis by Smith-
Woodward when it was presented
to the British Museum. After
this find Mr. Tan laid bare hun-
dreds of specimens of plant and
fish life, all embedded in rocks
near the scene of his first dis-
covery. Finally his hammer ex-
posed the remains of the fifteen-
million-year-old scarp itself. It
was found spread on a stone slab
under a layer of clay, almost with
the perfection of life except for
its flattened appearance.

Another pretty Japanese
calendar—reaches this office from
the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, also a very
ornamental table of sailings for
next year.

A clerk in the employ of
Messrs. Butterfield & Swire has
reported to the police the loss of a
gold watch, valued at \$12, from a
drawer in his desk.

According to a report made
to the police, the accountant of
the Motor Drivers' Guild has
absconded with a sum of \$50
belonging to the Guild.

Reported yesterday, the
typhoon to the east of the Philip-
pines is now stated to be station-
ary or moving very slowly. Its
position this morning was Lat.
11 N., Long. 127 E.

A through passenger by name
of Mr. Zahman, had a silken bag
stolen from him at Queen's Road
Central near Li Yuen Street. In
the police report the bag is said to
have contained pearls to the value
of \$50.

For dredging in the man-of-
war anchorage three fishing junk
owners were each fined \$10 at the
Marine Court this morning. Two
other owners of small native
craft were each mulcted in sums
of \$5 for lying inshore during
prohibited hours at night.

A heap of straw stored in
the Dairy Farm depot at Tele-
graph Bay was set ablaze yester-
day afternoon. A lighted
cigarette thrown carelessly away
is believed to have been the cause
of the fire. No damage was,
however, done to the building,
which is made of concrete.

Advice has been received that
train 101, on the Peking-Mukden
line, leaving Peking at 8.10 p.m.
for Mukden, also the corresponding
train in the reverse direction, will
re-commence immediately. The
Railway authorities, however, can
give no definite information as to
the time taken on the journey, and
it is anticipated that for the present
a delay of several hours will be
experienced on the section of the
journey between Peking and Tien-
tsin.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Lieut. Comdr. L. G. Addington,
D.S.C., has been appointed to
H.M.S. "Despatch."

Professor W. J. N. Smith is to
lecture on Browning at St. John's
Cathedral Hall to-day at 6 p.m.,
under the auspices of the C.E.M.S.

Passengers arriving by the
"Hector" included: Mr. A. D.
Keigwin, Mr. H. M. Sleigh, Capt.
W. G. Lalor, Mr. G. P. Harper,
Mr. J. Kinnaird, Mr. N. Currie,
Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Miss J.
Holyoak, Mr. W. J. Hawken and
Mr. H. W. Ray.

Dr. R. M. Ross and Dr.
Margaret Taylor were united in
marriage on Thursday evening, at
the home of the bride at Lafayette
Compound, Western Suburbs,
Canton. The ceremony was per-
formed by the bride's uncle, Dr.
Charles Taylor of New York. Dr.
Ross is physician at the Kerr
Hospital for the Insane and Dr.
Taylor is a teacher at the Hackett
Medical College.

May Yohe, actress, who appeared
in Hongkong years ago and
gained fame through the world by
her possession of the Hope
Diamond, is in the limelight again.
She is married to Mr. John A.
Smuts, cousin of General Jan
Smuts, South Africa. Her hus-
band shot himself recently be-
cause he said he had been un-
kind to his wife. He probably
will recover. May Yohe was
wearer of the Hope Diamond when
she was the wife of Lord Francis
Hope.

Reuter announces the death of
Mr. William Coote, M. P. for
South Tyrone, who died after
collapsing at a meeting at Belfast.
The late Mr. Coote has been M. P.
for South Tyrone since 1916. He
was born in 1863 and married in
1889 and leaves four sons and one
daughter. He was apprenticed to
the provision trade and at 20 years
started and successfully carried on
a business in his native district.
Later he commenced business as
auctioneer and stock owner, and
rented a large mill premises for
35 years, where he started and
developed the manufacture of
woollen yarns, subsequently form-
ing this into a private limited
company, of which he was the
managing director. He was a
J. P. for Co., Tyrone, and a County
Councillor.

The marriage took place on
November 15 at St. Mark's
Church, Woodcote, Purley, of the
Bishop of Hongkong (the Right
Rev. C. R. Duppuy), son of the
late Mr. C. Duppuy and of Mrs.
Duppuy, Harrogate, to Miss
Baker-Munton, daughter of Mr.
H. Baker-Munton, of Broomhill,
Woodcote, Purley. The bride was
given away by her father, and was
attended by the Misses Dorothy
and Mary Burrough (nieces of
the bride) and Miss Heather Aline
Chadwick (niece of the bridegroom).
The Bishop of Peterborough, who
gave the address, Canon Holland,
the Rev. H. H. Woodhouse, and
the Rev. E. A. Shattuck, vicar of
the parish, officiated, and the Rev.
P. W. Guinness, D.S.O., was best
man. The church was beautifully
decorated with white chrysanthemums,
palms, and ferns. A
large congregation was present, and
a reception was held in St. Mark's
Hall after the ceremony.

Mr. Hector William Sassoon, of
Tantallon, The Peak, Victoria,
Hongkong, and of Baker Street,
London, W., a director of Messrs.
E. D. Sassoon & Co., Ltd., mer-
chants of St. Helens Place, E.C.,
who died in London on November
24, 1923, left property in Hongkong
valued at \$5,133,800, and in Eng-
land at \$25,667. At the current rate
of exchange this is equivalent to \$989-
127, of which \$982,860 is abroad.
The testator left—Five lakhs of
rupees (at current value about
\$35,980) upon trust for investment
and to distribute the income in
such proportions, at such times, and
upon such conditions as his trustees
in their absolute discretion shall
consider advisable in assisting
persons (male or female) found
guilty for the first time of an
offence or offences against the
law of the land where they were
convicted, and in assisting un-
married mothers and illegitimate
children, and generally in assisting
and providing for the welfare of
the children. His shares in E. D.
Sassoon & Co. (Limited), in the
Hongkong Trust Corporation
(Limited), and in the Bombay
Trust Corporation (Limited), sub-
ject to certain charges, he left to
his brother, Bilice Victor Sassoon.
To his wife he left his household
and personal effects, consumable
stores, and 20 lakhs of rupees
absolutely, and the income for life
from 65 lakhs of rupees, with re-
mainder to his residuary estate.

The "Westminster Gazette"
understands from Paris that
M. Herriot has telegraphed
ordering M. Jusserand to abstain
from further Franco-American
deb negotiations, pending the
arrival of his successor.

The Hon. Alexander Gordon
Stephen (61), chief manager,
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking
Corporation, Hongkong, and a
member of the Executive Council
of Hongkong, left personal estate
in Great Britain valued at £72,456.

The Berlin newspaper, "Montag
Morgen," declares that it is
privately reported from Moscow,
whence news is strictly censored,
that serious disorders and blood-
shed occurred following the
departure for the Crimea of M.
Trotsky, who allegedly now
opposes the Soviet.

Sir Maurice Fitzmaurice, C.M.G.,
F.R.S., died on November 17. He
was a distinguished engineer who
was known especially for his
work on the bridges and main
drainage of London and on the
great Assuan dam in Egypt. Born
in Co. Kerry, in 1861, he went to
Trinity College, Dublin, where he
took the degrees of M.A. and M.
Eng. Having served articles under
the late Sir Benjamin Baker, he after-
wards did much work under Sir
W. Willcocks in Egypt. Last
year he visited Hongkong in re-
gard to the Harbour Improvement
Scheme, and made an elaborate
Report which dealt specially with
the development of Hung Hom Bay,
a scheme that proposes the ex-
penditure of over \$12,000,000. Sir
Maurice had also visited Australia,
and when the war broke out he had
been for some years chairman
of the Admiralty Advisory Com-
mittee on Naval Works, and he held
that post till 1919. He was also
a member of the War Office Com-
mittee on Hutted Camps, 1915-18.
In 1915, and again in 1918, he visit-
ed the British front in Flanders to
advise on questions of drainage.
Many honours and distinctions
were conferred on Sir Maurice,
who was the author of several
technical works on harbours, bridg-
ing and drainage. His death at a
comparatively early age is a dis-
tinct loss to the profession.

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Return To Movies.



LOUISE GLAUM.

Louise Glaum, who, a few years ago was a screen vampire, has returned to screen work in Hollywood, following two years' battle to regain her health, which she finally did when she took up athletics.

FINE CHRYSANTHEMUM SHOW.



ELEANOR O'MALLEY.

Miss Eleanor O'Malley, is shown here with two specimens of white chrysanthemums, exhibited at an annual chrysanthemum show. They are said to be the largest ever grown.

Visiting London.



MARQUIS MEDICI.

The Marquis Medici, member of one of the oldest and most aristocratic families in Italy, a silk manufacturer of Naples, is visiting London.

SEEKING TO BREAK NAVAL OIL RESERVE LEASES.



Below: JOE COTTER, FREDERICK KELLOGG, E. L. DOHENY & ERANIC HOGAN (Seated) JUDGE P. J. McDERMOTT, JOE BURKE, ARTHUR FOLGER, JR., CARLOS M. CAMARILLA & OWEN J. ROBERTS.

Lack of legal authority to grant leases of naval oil reserves in California, as well as alleged fraud, are the grounds on which the American Government is seeking before Judge McCormick, to break the leases granted by the former Secretary of the Interior, Albert Fall, to Edward L. Doheny, millionaire oil operator. The Doheny legal staff consists of Joe Cotter, Frederick Kellogg and Frank Hogan while the Government is represented by Joseph Burke, ex-Senator Arthur Pomeroy, Assistant District Attorney Camarilla and Owen J. Roberts.

Leaves Silver Screen.



MRS. MARY YOUNG

Mary McLaughlin, one of the first of the motion picture stars, has played her last picture. A month ago she married Lieut.-Col. George Young, on active service with the British Army in India, and will sail shortly for the Punjab, where her husband's battalion is quartered.

KEPT THE POLICE AT BAY.



MRS. MARY B. CONNOR.

Mrs. Mary B. Connor held at bay for several hours two wagon loads of policemen and a lot of deputies who sought to evict her from her home. Finally two policemen broke into her home from the rear, and disarmed her. She was photographed while leaning out of a window, revolver in hand, threatening to fire.

Jackie Coogan.



JACKIE COOGAN.

Upon his return from a tour of Europe, Jackie Coogan, child film star, told reporters in New York that he was mechanically inclined, and that when he grew up he intended to be a mechanic.

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GEN. PRIMO DE RIVERA & SON OF RAISUNI.

General Primo de Rivera, Dictator of Spain, is shown here with the young son of Raisuni the Jalal, during a recent inspection of the Spanish lines in Morocco and a visit to the Cheriff in Arcilla. The general is using ruthless methods to put down the Spanish revolt, which is aimed at overthrowing the Directory, banishing King Alfonso and establishing a republic.

BRINGING UP FATHER.

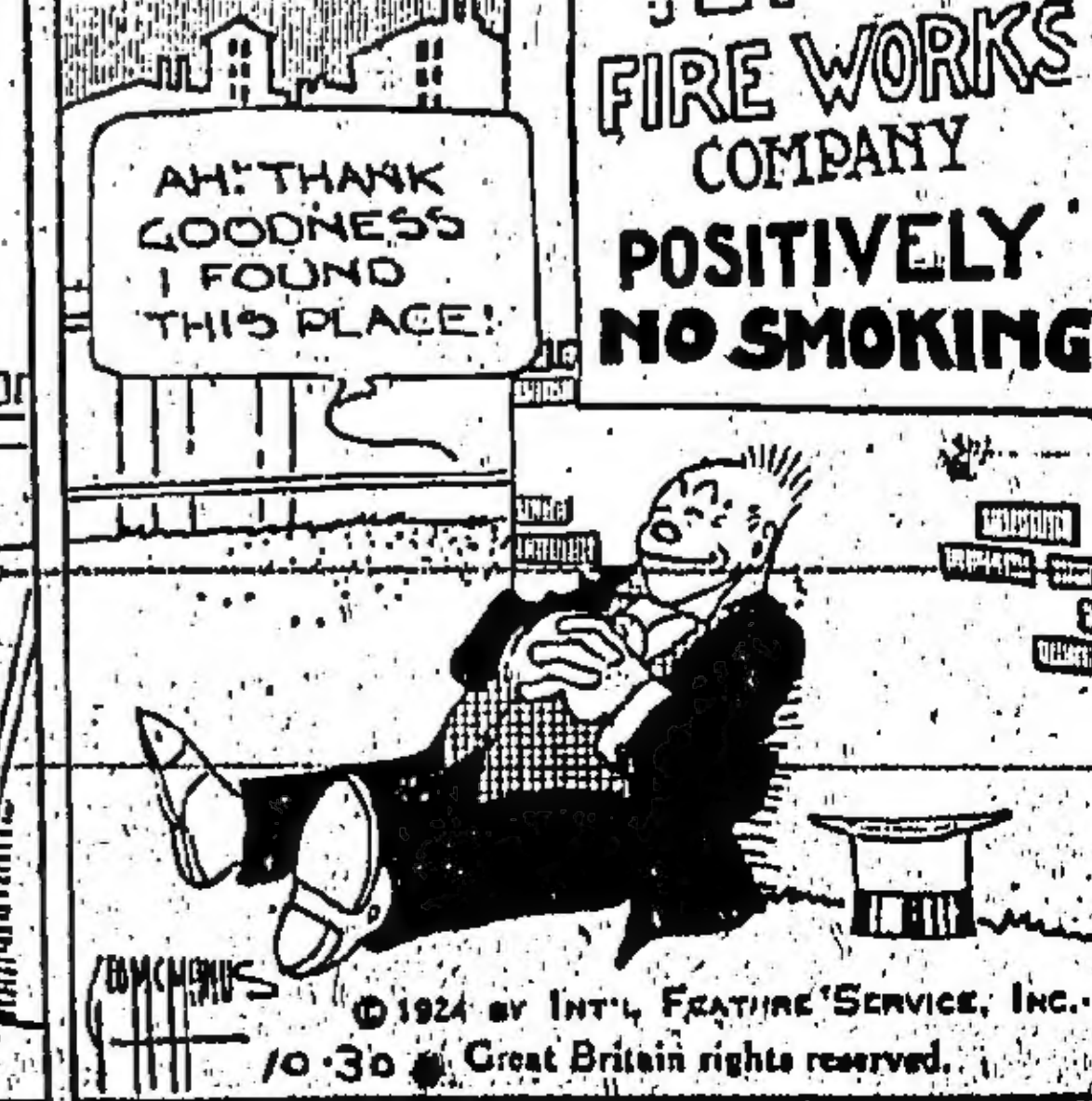
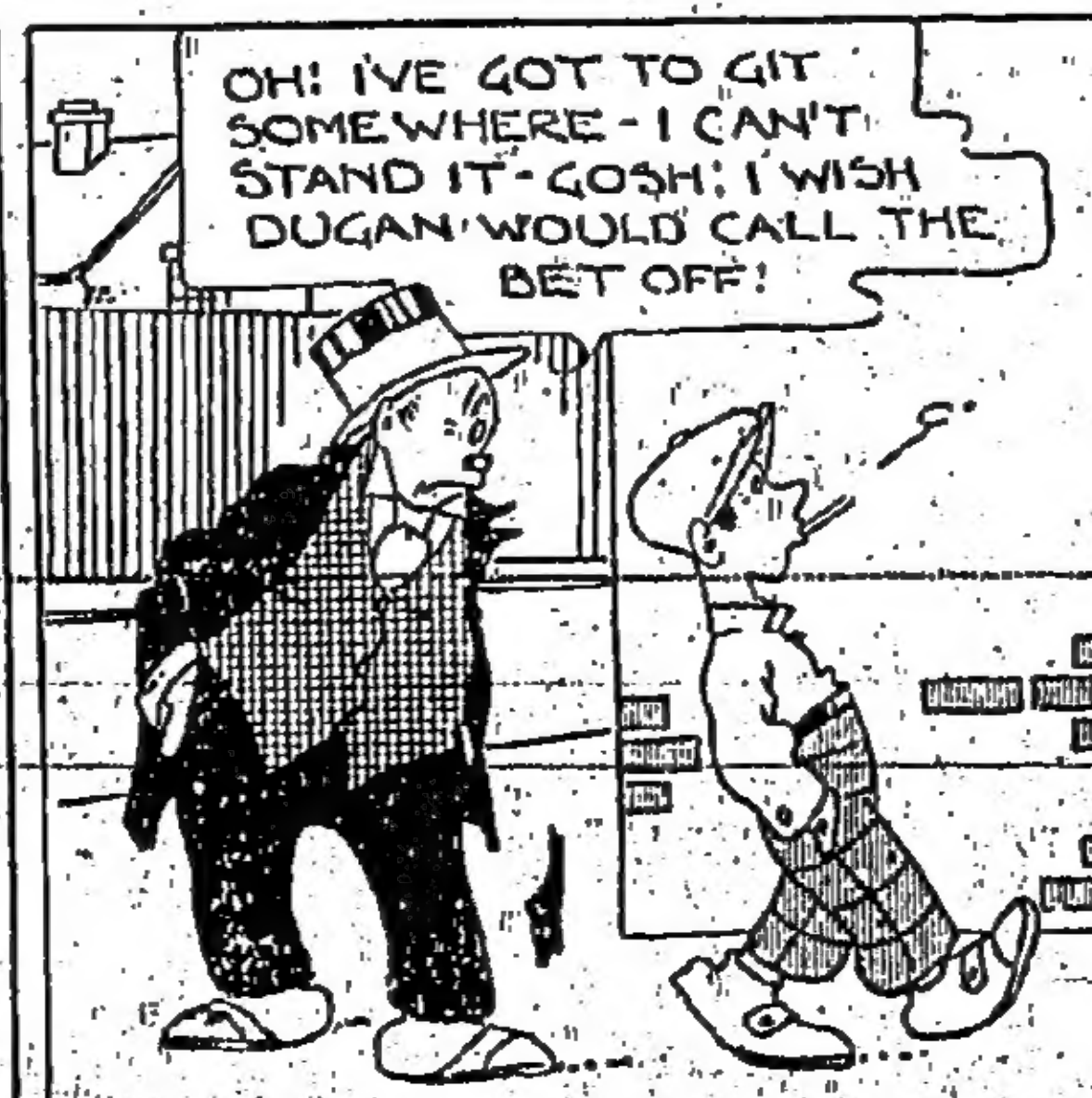
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WORLD OF SPORT.**HOME FOOTBALL****LEAGUE POSITIONS FIRST
DIVISION.**

Below will be found the position
in the first division of the League
up to and including matches played
on December 15.

Team	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Rotherham	19	10	4	5	31	23	24
West Bromwich	19	10	4	5	27	15	24
Nottingham	19	9	8	4	18	10	24
Huddersfield	19	9	8	4	18	10	23
Birmingham	19	8	7	4	28	14	23
Bolton	19	8	6	4	25	12	22
Liverpool	19	8	6	5	23	21	21
Arsenal	19	8	4	7	21	21	21
Manchester City	19	7	8	4	27	20	20
Sheff Wed	19	8	6	5	24	28	20
Newcastle U.	19	10	5	4	30	23	20
Aston Villa	19	10	4	5	31	26	20
Blackburn R.	19	8	7	4	24	18	19
Cardiff City	19	8	7	4	27	21	19
Leeds U.	19	8	7	4	27	21	19
West Ham U.	19	8	6	5	26	19	19
Burnley	19	8	6	5	26	19	18
Sheff U.	19	8	6	5	26	19	18
Everton	19	8	6	5	26	19	18
Nottingham F.	19	8	6	5	26	19	18
Reading N.E.	19	3	14	15	15	3	8

LATEST MATCHES.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, December 15.
In the League, division I, Liver-
pool beat Cardiff City by 3-1.
In the final of the London
Challenge Cup, West Ham beat
Orient by 2 goals to 1. The match
was played at Tottenham.

ASSOCIATION CUP.**DRAW FOR FIRST ROUND.**

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, December 15.
The draw for the first round in
the competition proper for the
Association Cup, to be played on
January 10 next is as follows:—

Leicester	v.	Stoke
Hull	v.	Wolverhampton
Aston Villa	v.	Port Vale
Swansea	v.	Plymouth
Sheff Wed	v.	Sheff U.
Wednesday	v.	Manchester U.
Derby	v.	Bradford City
Bradford	v.	Middlesbrough
Swindon	v.	Fulham
West Ham	v.	Arsenal
Preston	v.	Manchester C.
W. Brom-	v.	Luton
wich A.	v.	Chelsea
Birmingham	v.	Orient
Notts Forest	v.	Norwich
Doncaster	v.	Corinthians
Sheff U.	v.	Leeds
Liverpool	v.	Portsmouth
Accrington	v.	Notts County
Coventry	v.	South Shields
Palace	v.	Barnsley
Millwall	v.	Sunderland
Bury	v.	Brighton
Watford	v.	Huddersfield
Bolton	v.	Oldham
Blackburn	v.	Darlington
Cardiff	v.	Exeter
Southampton	v.	Hartlepool
Newcastle	v.	Northampton
Tottenham	v.	Burnley
Hotspsurs	v.	Gillingham
Everton	v.	Barrow
Blackpool	v.	Bristol C.
Bristol R.	v.	Stockport
Weymouth	v.	
Queen P.	v.	
Rangers	v.	
Charlton	v.	

SQUASH RACQUETS**CAMBRIDGE TOO STRONG
FOR OXFORD.**

BATH CLUB FINALS.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, December 15.
In the squash racquets inter-
varsity match at Queen's Club,
Cambridge University defeated
Oxford by 6 matches to 2.

Finals At Bath.

At the Bath Club, in the final
for the squash racquets amateur
championship, Mr. W. Macpherson
(Queen's Club) defeated Capt.
J. Tomkinson (Bath Club) by
17-14, 8-15, 15-7.
Captain Jameson, the holder of
the championship, was unable to
defend his title as he is touring
with Mr. Joel's cricket team in
South Africa.

BOXING**DEFEAT OF FEATHER-
WEIGHT CHAMPION.**

LONDON, November 8.—Johnny
Curley, the Lambeth feather-
weight, brought off a surprise
victory over George McKenzie, of
Leith, holder of the Lonsdale belt,
who was beaten by a good margin
of points in a fifteen-rounds con-
test at 9st. 2lb, at Hoxton Baths.
In the second half of the bout
Curley took complete command of
the fight. He had so reduced
McKenzie's speed that he was
often able to jab home his left
hand to the face just as the Scot
was starting similar punches.

The blows which hurt the
champion most were undoubtedly
the crisp, short right-hand ones,
which had him so unsteady in
some of the rounds that
McKenzie appeared almost cer-
tain to go down. McKenzie,
however, is made of very tough
material, and though extremely
tired he managed to last out.

HEAVY-WEIGHT FIASCO.
When Tom Gibbons, the
American heavy-weight, was pre-
paring for his contest with Jack
Bloomfield he had as one of his
principal sparring partners Tom
Heaney, of New Zealand.

That was last August, and I
remember that Gibbons told me
that Heaney—who had then just
arrived in England—was one of
the most promising heavy-
weights he had met.
He must have been very much
better than he was at the Ring,
London, for after six rounds of
very indifferent fighting his bout
of 15 rounds with Franz
Hendricks, an extremely moder-
ate performer from Belgium, was
stopped by Mr. Moss de Yong, the
referee, with the declaration, "no
contest."

WIN FOR HARRY MASON.
Harry Mason, the light-weight
champion, did not greatly en-
hance his reputation by his
victory on points over Danny
Morgan, the Welsh boxer, at
Premierland, in a 15-rounds
contest.

GOLF**FOUR SOME PLAYED IN
FLORIDA.**

(Reuter's American Service.)

**St. Augustine, Fla., December
15.**—In a thirty-six holes match
Duncan and Mitchell defeated
Hagen and Simzen by four up
and three to play.

CRICKET.**M.C.C. ELEVEN FOR
TEST MATCH.**

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, December 15.
The following team has been
chosen to represent England in the
first test match to commence on
December 19: Mr. A. E. R.
Gilligan (Capt.), Mr. A. P. F.
Chapman, I. B. Hobbs, J. W.
Hearne, F. E. Woolley, H. Strud-
wick, A. Sandham, E. Hendren,
H. Sutcliffe, M. W. Tate, A. P.
Freeman.

Note: Reuter mentions Hearne
twice, presumably the name of
Hendren is meant on the second
occasion.

HOCKEY.**CLUB 2ND V. CLUB "A."**

At Happy Valley at 5 p.m. to-
morrow, the following will re-
present the H.K.H.C. team "A"
vs. the 2nd XI.

Club "A" (Playing in whites)
J. Wedlake, L. A. R. Duncan,
W. H. Lock, L. R. Blacking, A. R.
Kinross, H. H. Rose, C. F. Lloyd,
H. G. Gardner, Drake, J. C.
Faers, A. Bower (Capt.).
Note: There will be no "A"
Team match on Wednesday next,
December 24.

THE SIAM TURF.**TOTE ALLOWED AGAIN
IN BANGKOK.**

In reply to petitions submitted
to the King of Siam by the Royal
Turf Club and the Royal Bangkok
Sports Club, asking for sanction
to continue the running of the
totalisators at the race meetings,
the King has been pleased to per-
mit the clubs to work the win-
ning and place totalisators at
their race meetings in the same
manner as totalisators are run in
other countries, but not to exceed
eleven days for each Club in each
racing year.

It will be remembered (says
the "Siam Observer") that the
Lord Prefect, being "scared" by
the outcry raised by the mush-
room Siamese Press last year,
issued his fiat to the local clubs
forbidding them to carry on the
one-tial sweeps. Thereupon,
the Clubs gave up the sweeps, but
feeling that this would prove an
incentive to the afore-mentioned
newspapers—and through them,
to the Lord Prefect for further
efforts, the Club saw fit to make
a special petition to His Majesty
the King, who is Patron of both
Clubs in regard to the totalis-
tors with the result as above-
mentioned.

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